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COMMENCEMENT IS SET FOR JUNE 19

A solemn high Mass to be offered by our pastor, Father Godfrey at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, June 19, 1959 and sung by the Glee Club, will initiate the exciting events of graduation day. Following the mass, 251 seniors of our largest graduating class will attend a communion breakfast.

The graduation exercise will commence at 8:00 p.m. in Saint Michael's Church. Each graduate may invite three guests. Students who have worked diligently to attain a place of high standing in their work will be given awards.

The faculty and students join in wishing the graduated God's blessing in all they do as representatives of the Christian ideals instilled in them during their four years at Saint Michael's.

Carol Lioio

CROWNING CONCLUDES MAY DEVOTION

Seniors, dressed in their prom gowns, participated in a Candlelight Procession on May 29. They adorned Our Lady's statue with a crown, while reciting the rosary in the Monastery Garden. The procession was sponsored by the Blessed Virgin Sodality, and commenced at 7:30. Parents were cordially invited to participate. Everyone showed one hundred percent cooperation.

Margaret Owens

BAND MARCHES AGAIN

The American Legion invited Saint Michael's Band to participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade. The forty members and twirlers met at Forest Hills on Saturday at 10:00 a.m. Patricia Lettera gave the varied signals for a successful public performance.

CLASS DAY BRINGS JOYS AND TEARS

Monday, May 25, was a day of mixed emotions for the graduating class. Each class reviewed a different phase of their high school career as the girls looked back to fond memories at their joys and sorrows.

Rosalie Gucciardo greeted the excited seniors, hopeful juniors and proud parents. After reviewing the past, groups of seniors enacted joyfully what they dream that future will be. Gratefulness marked the last will and testament of the departing seniors. A speech of appreciation was delivered by Judith Grater who substituted for appendicitis stricken Eileen Keown.

Sister Clarence Aloysia helped the seniors bid farewell to their school years, and then presented the awards to outstanding graduates. Space does not permit us to mention the names of all these honor students. To all the graduates we offer our prayers and best wishes for the years to come.

Patricia Tagle
Patricia Habich

FATHERS AND DAUGHTERS OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

The Fathers' Club of Saint Michael's sponsored a father-daughter Communion breakfast on May 10, Mother's Day. After assisting at Holy Mass for the intentions of their mothers, the Michaelites filed into the cafeteria for a hearty and enjoyable meal with their dads and friends.

After a few words from Father Godfrey, Mr. William Crawford, President and Mr. Kriedman, Chairman, Reverend Father Finn of St. John's addressed the group. His speech on the forgotten virtue of charity toward God and neighbor was impressive and sparkled with humor.

After blessing of the souvenirs and a prayer of Thanksgiving, the assembly dispersed and returned home to celebrate Mother's Day according to their own family traditions.

A. T. Hill

"BRIGADOON" SCORES SUCCESS

"Brigadoon" is a delightful fantasy about a mythical village that appears only once every hundred years. To this village came two hunters, one of whom falls in love with a beautiful maiden. He must then face the difficult problem of staying with her or leaving with his friend.

"Brigadoon" was first produced on the stage by Lerner and Lowe. Saint Michael's production starred Kathleen Ferguson as Fiona, Theresa Zent as Jeff, Eugenia DeSomma as Tom, and Janet Riehl as Harry. Also giving a fine performance were: Beverly Johnston, Susan Finn, Eileen Keown, Mary Ann Barrone, Diane Arth, Kathleen Tierney, Phyllis Digristina, Clara Bogner, Betty Jane Kelley and Josephine Gulotta.

Joan Pfau
Judith Brand

FASHION, THE RULER

Be she fifteen or fifty, when fashion dictates, women willingly obey, flinging all logic and sense of reason completely out of the window. There is very little she or anyone else can do about it.

As far back as ancient time (Egyptian civilization), fashion and style played an important part in every woman's life. It was the daughters of the Nile who introduced cosmetics to the scene of facial improvement. Very few women have cause to complain since that important discovery was made.

Fashion is a game of follow the leader and that is what it will always be. Every Egyptian maiden, be she short and squat or tall and tube-like, made sure she had scarlet robes and pale make-up simply because that was what the queen had been wearing to court lately. As you see taste does not count as long as fashion decrees.

Time went on and the world saw the rise and fall of the great Roman Empire, the dull and backward Feudalistic way of life, man's thirst for knowledge and adventure reignited by the European Renaissance, the fairytale courts of Elizabeth and Victoria. We in America survived the gay nineties, the roaring twenties, and finally the rocking fifties. Despite all this, the age old desire of women to be dressed fashionably and stylishly at all times never once changed though everything else did.

While Russia threatens an atomic war and Rockefeller raises taxes sky-high, the House of Dior decrees that legs are what count and to heck with everything else. Women the world round obligingly pull up their hemlines and pull down their waistlines as the world turns quietly and knowingly on its axis.

Lynne Lisa De Sena

OUR LADY OF PROTECTION

O' Dear Lady from above
Please show us the way to love
Keep us, guard us, through the night
Safe, and free from foolish fright
Watch over us through the day
As we go along our way.
The Rosary, as told to Soubirous,
Has helped us always here below
Though we see you not today;
We do often hear you say.
"Oh little children, have no fear,
Don't you know I am always near."

Barbara Steffens
Patricia Severino



LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

We the Class of '59 being of unstable minds hereby bequeath to our friends the following:

To Father Godfrey—for your one year pastorship at St. Michael's we extend many more years of success plus a small token of our appreciation: one STUFFED PIGEON.

To Sister Clarence—we leave prayers to succeed in your numerous tasks in the operation of the school.

To Sister Cecilia Claire—all our merit cards and hope the total is above those collected.

To Miss Czuba—a lifetime supply of completed dental notes.

Sister Mary Carol—a free pass to all Senior activities.

Sister Mary Jogues—a new stage curtain to replace the slightly used one you now have.

Sister Mary Malcolm—251 five minutes time writing NO ERRORS.

Sister Mary Emmanuel—a '59 deluxe camera which your paper could really use.

Sister Mary Donald—251 new Friends to replace the group you are so sadly losing.

Sister Mary Cajetan—a Spanish and English automatic paper-picker-upper to use in all classes.

To the rest of the faculty we leave our brains, charms, and popularity which we're sure they'll miss.

To the future Seniors we bequeath the charter of the school, giving full title to all rooms, descriptions of tunnels, secret rooms and underground passages, which they will use.

To the Juniors we leave nothing but the best Law and Transcription regents, and the new look in blazers.

To the Sophomores, who finally realized that to become upper classmen you have to sweat through new shoes, Biology, $x-y345= ax$, and the name "freshies," our congratulations.

To the future Freshmen we leave 251 slightly used elevator passes, plus one week supply of tickets to be used for the new swimming pool on the fourth floor.

Judith Ann Graeter

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Graduates,

When, as timid, frightened little Freshmen you began your life at St. Michael's Commercial High School in September, 1955, you could not possibly know how many would be the beautiful memories within the four years stretching endlessly before you. Now you realize, as you look back, that the little joys, new friends, and yes, even the little trials were a precious part of your life.

Friday, June 19, will mark the realization of a long and anticipated dream, Graduation! The very term chimes a triumphant song in all your hearts. It will be a happy event for all of us, yet there will remain an inevitable element of sadness experienced both by the faculty and students for we feel you are leaving us and your hallowed place that has been a part of your very home.

Graduation is an achievement; a victory. That interminable time dedicated to learning has prepared a place for you in the world, in a business and social career. But still more important, I trust, you have secured spiritual and moral support; that you are deeply fortified with Christian ideals. Let Mary triumph in your life and may God and His Blessed Mother continuously approve of all your thoughts, words and actions.

I sincerely congratulate each and every one of you, my dear Graduates, and bid you God speed as you step forward each one into a new walk of life. Remember, your parents, and we Sisters and teachers, confidently envision, as you leave St. Michael's, your continued growth to the full maturity of Catholic womanhood.

Build your life solidly and whether you are working, praying, or socializing may you always be at the side of Mary, your most loving Mother.

Sister Clarence Aloysia, O.P.
Principal



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SOPHOMORES GAIN TROPHIES

The Catholic Youth Organization conducted a competition, among Catholic high school students in the Brooklyn Diocese, May 8, in the Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Regina Volz sang "O Luce di Quest Anima" from "Linda di Chamounix" and received third prize. Regina is a member of E47-B3. She was awarded a plaque with the Marian Year Crown.

COMETS FIRST

The "Comets" team won first place in the bowling competition held by the St. Thomas Apostle Bowling League. Father Conroy distributed trophies to the outstanding members of the first, second, and third winning teams. Constance Wheat of E47-B3 was awarded a trophy.

MAYOR HONORS OUTSTANDING SENIORS

Janet Marczeck and Agnes Curren from 302, and Mary Ann Cammareri from 306 were chosen to represent St. Michael's High School at City Hall Plaza to receive the Mayor's citation for scholastic achievement on May 19. The ceremony honored students of various high schools, who have attained honor marks, good citizenship and good deportment.

The speaker at the ceremonies was Brigadier General James M. Masters, Sr. U.S.M.C. and Master of Ceremonies was Judge Louis I. Kaplan. The Victor congratulates these outstanding seniors.

LAND AHOY

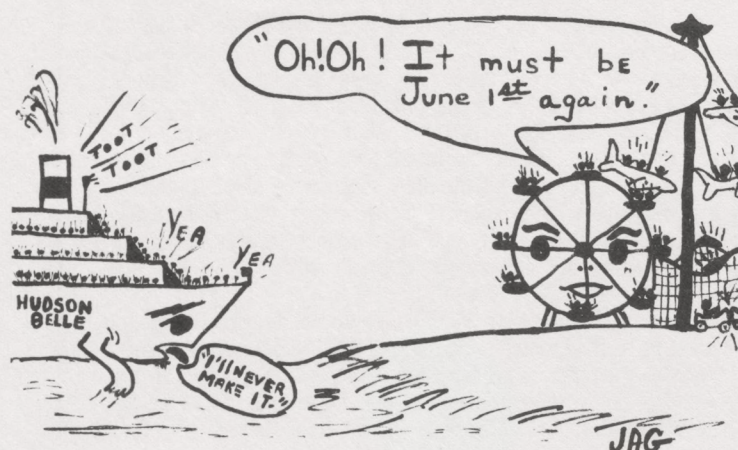
The annual boat ride of St. Michael's High School took place on June 1. Students from St. Michael's, St. Aloysius, St. Agnes, Bishop Du Bois and Holy Trinity High Schools boarded, the good ship, Hudson Belle, left the Battery Landing at 9:00 a.m. for a fun-filled day at Rye Beach.

Aboard ship hungry teenagers invaded the snack stand on the first deck. Dancing, singing, and acquiring new friends, added to the fun. Eager excitement mounted as the ferris wheel and other rides could be seen at a distance.

Throughout the day, long lines formed at all the rides, especially the "Magic Mouse". All too soon the group, burdened with prizes, tricks, and sore feet started for the boat. At 5:00 p.m., they left Rye Beach to recover from a strenuous day by more eating and dancing.

A good time was had by all the students and the faculty who accompanied the student body.

Judith Ann Graeter



Constance Wheat



Regina Volz

E88-203

We entered Saint Michael's in February 1956. Unlike the other classes, our official room was in the new school immediately. During this year Judy Graeter honored our class by winning second prize in the Catholic Book Week Contest.

Our official teacher for our second year was Miss Morino, who later entered the Maryknoll Order. Feeling very courageous one day we put a mouse in Miss Whalen's desk, just for fun. During this year we spent much time studying for our Business Arithmetic, Typing, and World History regents, which weren't so bad after all.

Sweaters are put aside and blazers were donned as our Junior year began. During this year Corrigan, Graeter, Allen, Rockette, Hank, Gaudino, Vaicunus, Murphy, McGuinness, and Morgenthaler won stem pins and pitman awards for outstanding work in Transcription. The year was brought to a close with the Business Law and Transcription regents.

The last and best year of high school finally arrived. It brought with it Ring Day, Class Day, the Washington Trip, and the Prom. Graduation Day is almost here and it seems as though we were freshmen just a few weeks ago. We must leave Saint Michael's forever, the school in which we spent the four best years of our lives. We must leave behind our wonderful teachers, to whom we owe so much. We must part from our beloved classmates, many of whom we will never see again. Each girl will be on her own now, she has chosen her career, now she must pursue it.

Kathrine Shaltonis

E87-304

As September 1955 commenced we entered Saint Michael's for the first time. After being separated into classes we were put under the direction of Miss Butler, our first official teacher. Our official room was in the old building for the first six months but in February 1956 we were transferred to the new building.

Our second year brought with it a taste of Secretarial subjects namely Stenography and Typing. We enjoyed school more than ever this year because a spirit of togetherness prevailed. As the year drew to a close we were faced with a Typing, World History and Business Arithmetic Regents which were not as bad as we thought they would be.

Many tears were shed as the junior year began. Friends were separated as the classes were split up. But this dejected feeling did not prevail long because new friends were made easily. Many girls won Pitman awards this year for outstanding achievements in transcription. The year ended with a Business Law and Transcription regents.

Our last and busiest year had finally arrived. This year brought with it many memorable occasions too numerous to mention. During the course of this year Rosalie Gucciardo participated in the Knight of Columbus competition by delivering a speech on Thomas Dungan.

As this final year draws to a close we look back over our years at Saint Michael's and wonder where all the time has gone. After graduation each girl will pursue her own ambition in life whether it be going on to college like Janice Greiner, who was accepted by Saint John's, or going on to work.

Kathrine Shaltonis

E83-302

We entered Saint Michael's in September 1955. For the first six months our official class was situated in the old building, but in February 1956 we were transferred to the new building. During this year Virginia Basch honored our class by winning the school scholarship.

During our Sophomore year many girls received Pitman certificates for outstanding achievements in sten theory. As the year drew to a close we tackled the Business Arithmetic, Typing, and World History regents.

Many tears were shed as the names for the different classes were called, for the Spanish group was to be chosen this year. Our class was picked for Spanish and we were very happy and proud. June arrived and brought with the Business Law and Transcription regents.

Our last and most wonderful year finally arrived. Ring Day, Class Day, the Washington Trip and Prom were some of the memorable occasions of this year. During this busy year Frances Leo found time to submit a page to the Pitman Journal and received recognition for it. We are now faced with Graduation Day. We must leave the hallowed halls of Saint Michael's forever. We want to thank our pastor, principal and teachers for all they have done for us in our years at Saint Michael's. We promise never to forget them.

Kathrine Shaltonis

E82-303

The year—1956, the month—January, the place—Saint Michael's Commercial. Unaware of what was in store for them, a new freshman group entered these hallowed halls. They consistently asked questions in order that they might arrive on time and at the right places. However, their endeavors proved fruitless. Their efforts achieved nothing but passes to nonexistent pools and elevators. Once established and under the care of their first official teacher, Sister Mary Carol, they set out to complete their mission as E12-102.

The year 1957 moved quickly and soon everyone was fairly settled. Some of the students who had unlimited talents, tried to change what Pitman endorsed to what Gregg tried to avoid, namely legible outlines. All too soon World History, Typing and Business Arithmetic Regents were upon them.

With the commencement of the year 1958 and the fifth term, came many tears. The class, which had grown in wisdom and companionship, was now separated. The class became E52-203. It was not long before the class became a unit doing its utmost to fulfill the obligations of Junior Year. Since they were accelerated double effort had to be expended. The joy and excitement of Ring Day, the anticipation of a joyful Washington Trip helped to brighten Junior Year.

As 1959 was ushered in, the future held more for these girls. The biggest night of their school life, the Senior Prom, was soon upon them. Class Day, held many surprises for all. E82, presented a delightful rendition of a Secretary's daydream.

Angela Barone

E81-306

Sister Mary Donald was the first member of the teaching staff to have the class placed in her charge, E11-103, of the old building. As young "freshies" we began to drudge through our first term. During that year the class received its first honors when Maryann Cammarie and Barbara Garguilo won scholarships for the remaining three years.

None too soon, the year changed and we got a glimpse and then a taste of real secretarial work. Typing was new and exciting, but to one girl it proved dangerous. Upon changing her seat she caught her sweater on the carriage of her machine. The Underwood was now in a deplorable state of rest on the floor of the typing room. Fortunately no graver damage resulted.

By 1958 we were on the road of entrance to Junior Year. But with it came sorrow, for the classes were divided.

We were accelerated and found ourselves with no regrets, in the excitement of Senior Year. Ring Day brought with it a flow of tears. The Washington Trip brought fun and laughter; the Prom left memories; and Commencement Day gives us the open door to a new life.

Angela Barone

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THE VICTOR CHEERS "A HELPING HAND"

Dependability, responsibility, and perseverance are three characteristics a good secretary should possess. The following students have shown these praiseworthy traits in accomplishing an assigned or assumed task for at least two school terms.

Seniors: Mary Grady, Patricia Flood, Patricia McGuire, Frances Leo, Patricia Powell, Diane Arth, Judith Essenbreis, Maureen Fitzpatrick, Beverly Johnston, Margaret Mary Lee, Elizabeth Christie, Karolin Albinski, Nancy Cosmos, Rose Corrano, Maria Montevergine.

Juniors: Gloria Weigand, Muriel Hallinan, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Susan Farrell, Constance Giarratano, Mary Ann Geluso, Lea Weiss, Joann Wachter, Maureen Delargy, Anne Nappo, Maureen Ahern, Geraldine Paolillo, Patricia Cotter, Lorraine Michelski.

Sophomores: Rose Marie Herring, Elizabeth Wolf, Marie Viola, Elwina Palumbo, Loretta Stryzewski, Elizabeth Harrington, Marie Christman; Veronica Lacey, Jill Maucere, Patricia Maroscia, Georgianna Legista, Mary Jean Babulo, Eleanor Macaluso, Dianne Moore, Carol Ann Lombardi, Geraldine Garbarini.

Freshmen: Jean Stephens, Joan Battaglia, Cynthia Barzyz, Eileen Ebhardt, Theresa McGrath, Marie Passorella, Ann Parisi, Mary La Lumia, Elizabeth Kobetetsch, Judith Chichester.

THE VICTOR BIDS A FOND FAREWELL

The Victor staff takes this opportunity to say "so long" to three of its senior members—Carol Lioio, Judith Essenbreis and Judy Ann Graeter. Through Carol's lively, interesting editorials, Judith's remarkable style and ability and Judy Ann's outstanding artistry each fresh batch of **Victors** rolling off the press has been better than the last.

Working with them has been a real pleasure. We gratefully acknowledge their untiring energy and generous contribution of time and effort in the interests of **The Victor**.

We join together in wishing you, girls, the best of luck in the business world and the blessing of St. Michael on all your future endeavors.

A. T. Hill

"SENIOR MEMORIES"

RECORDED IN SONG TITLES

Ring Day
Washington Trip
Tests
Regents
Geometry

Spanish
Boat Ride to Rye Beach
Senior Prom

Summer Vacations
School Song
St. Michael's

Future Success
Father Godfrey
Sister Clarence Aloysia
Graduation Day
Treasured Memories of
St. Michael's

"Remember"
"Faraway Places"
"It Isn't Fair"
"These Foolish Things"
"But Not For Me"
"What'll I Do"
"Tell Me Why"
"Manana"
"While We're Young"
"There Never Was a Night so Beautiful"
"It's Magic"
"The Way You Look Tonight"
"There'll Never Be Another You"
"This Is My Song"
"It Had To Be You"
"All The Things You Are"
"Always"
"That's My Desire"
"To Know Him Is To Love Him"
"May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You"
"I'll Be Seeing You"

"They Can't Take That Away From Me"
"I Could Write A Book" about "That Old Feeling", but "You'll
Never Know" just how much we enjoyed "Getting To Know You."
Judith Essenbreis, Senior

MEMO:

Schedule of Events

JUNE 1959

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 1 Monday	Annual Boat Ride to Rye Beach
June 5 Friday	First Friday, Feast of the Sacred Heart
June 6 Saturday	First Saturday in honor of Our Lady of Fatima,
June 8 Monday	Teacher's Conference.
June 15 Monday	Diocesan Religion Examination
June 19 Friday	Regents examination begin
June 22 Monday	Rating Day—all schools closed
	Commencement Exercises for the Seniors
	End of school year—promotion
	Dea Gratias

INTERVIEWING TONY RANDALL

by Rosalind Aversano

Most celebrities are people in a class by themselves. They seem to be in a world of their own, and many of them are eccentric people. Tony Randall, however, does not follow suit. Randall's manner is free and easy with the teenage set. At the interview recently given for students representing various schools, he displayed a ready wit and humor plus a willingness to answer some of their peculiar and perplexing questions. The following are some of the inquiries given and the remarks he made including some funny and worthwhile tales about his theatrical experience.

Someone asked, "What type of person goes in for acting?" Tony paused for a moment and then blurted, "If a person wants to be an actor he is probably a show-off. The actor considers himself an artist with a message for humanity." When Tony was asked what is his advice to an aspiring actor he remarked, "I would encourage any aspirant, he will find out for himself that it's discouraging enough. It should be noted," added Randall, "that success can often ruin a person." The next question which came to our minds was what he did in his leisure time. Surprisingly enough he is a weightlifter and visits the gym at least twice a week... enjoys sports... married his childhood sweetheart; reveres the opera... and likes to go dancing with his wife.

As a teenager he admits he was an unbearable show-off, and girls didn't like it. Finally he let it wear off by becoming an actor and receiving pay. Randall regrets he was not a better student. His attitude for learning was poor because he was too interested in acting, and spent most of his time in after school activities and not enough in studies. His troublesome subjects were Geometry and History, but the exceptionally good grades in Latin and English compensated for that. In his opinion a person should develop his intellect in school, but if an actor has that to fall back on, he won't be half as good an actor. Tony Randall candidly remarks he never wanted to be a star, he became an actor to make people laugh. When asked about Rock & Roll his reply was, "I despise it. It is so exact and alike, completely dull and tiresome. What it needs is a little imagination and creativeness."

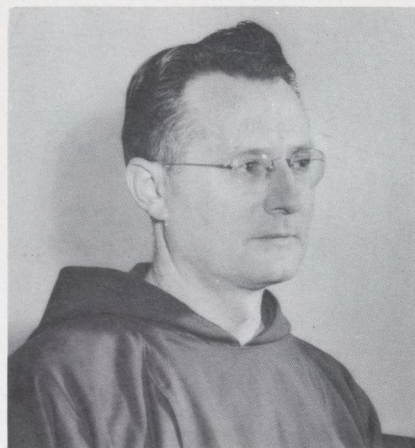
Currently he is appearing with Debbie Reynolds in the delightful movie "The Mating Game." During the filming of this picture he had one very embarrassing experience. Tony was supposed to dive from a two story window, and was just too afraid to attempt it. When Debbie Reynolds unfearingly leaped from the window, Tony was then forced to do likewise (he could no longer claim it was dangerous).

The "Mating Game" has an "A" rating for adult patronage.

TEENAGERS' PRAYER

Dear God in Heaven, hear the prayer
Of your teenagers everywhere.
We try so hard to do our best;
It's time grownups did the rest.
They could help, for it's their part
To encourage us to a worthwhile start,
We would remember this all our days
Proving to them, that love ever pays.
There's not much time for fun and play
With chores at home and a long school day.
We, teenagers, would do our share,
If adults showed they really care.
We're not all delinquents—not by far.
Our hopes are hitched to a peaceful star.
If only parents would realize
That in teenagers the future lies.
Today is soon over, tomorrow almost here;
Help us to face life without fear.
Teach us to love, teach us to live.
And our failures, dear God, forgive.

Jill Maucere



My dear Seniors:

It is a happy trait of human nature to recall the pleasant memories and to forget the unpleasant experiences. People often talk about "the good old days!" because they have chosen to remember only the delightful happenings of their youth. It is only the morbid person or the one who has been very deeply hurt who will shun thoughts of the past.

In the course of your years at Saint Michael's, you must have had your share of joys and disappointments. It is our hope that your memory will concentrate on the joyful events of your school days.

The value of your education will only now be put to a complete test. The facts you learned and the skills you acquired were only a part of your training. Most important of all, your education was meant to enable you to face the problems of life with a mature mind and a courageous heart. Thus far, you have encountered only a small portion of life's problems. The future is filled with uncertainties. Prudent judgment will enable you to face the future successfully.

If your years at Saint Michael's have given you a true sense of values, then your education was a grand and permanent success. This sense of values will enable you to pursue what is really good and avoid that which is truly harmful. The religious atmosphere of your training should have given you the ideals and motives to choose always the honorable in preference to that which is contrary to your dignity as Christian women. If you will always make that proper choice then we who had something to do with your education will feel content that you have learned the most important lesson of all.

May Our Lord and His Blessed Mother be with you always.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Father Godfrey, O.F.M. Cap.

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